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SUBJECT: GOP- GOI COMMUNICATIONS (AND NON- COMMUNICATIONS)
ON SOUTH ASIAN PROBLEMS

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1. FOLLOWING DEMARCHE REGARDING NARCOTICS PROBLEMS BY
CHARGE JUNE 20 (SEPTTEL), MFE DIRGEN ZAKI VOLUNTEERED
THAT GOP HAD " UNRAVELLED THE MYSTERY" OF THE TWO AIDE-
MEMOIRES SAID TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GOI IN MAY.
WHEN GOP RECENTLY RECEIVED " RESPONSE" FROM GOI TO THE
REPORTED AIDE- MEMOIRES, IT CARRIED OUT INVESTIGATION TO
DETERMINE JUST WHAT HAD HAPPENED. THE REPORTED AIDE-
MEMOIRES, ZAKI SAID, WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED
BY PAK EMBASSY IN BERN IN COURSE OF CARRYING OUT TELE-
GRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS SENT BY MFA TO VARIOUS PAK
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FOR THEIR OWN INFORMATION AND ALSO
FOR USE IN BRIEFING HOST GOVERNMENTS. GOP HAD NOT KNOWN
ABOUT AIDE- MEMOIRES PREPARED BY PAK EMBASSY BERN. GOP
DID NOT INTEND, ZAKI SAID, THAT ANY MESSAGES BASED ON ITS
BRIEFING TELEGRAMS TO VARIOUS PAK DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
SHOULD GO TO GOI. GOP HAS NOT USED PAK EMBASSY IN BERN
AS CHANNEL TO PASS ANY MESSAGES TO SWISS; IT RELIES ON
SWISS EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD FOR THIS PURPOSE. GOP HAD
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CONSEQUENTLY BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY TWO AIDE- MEMOIRES REPORTEDLY SENT TO GOI WHEN FIRST QUERIED BY THIS EMBASSY COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. ZAKI SAID HE PERSONALLY DID NOT YET KNOW WHY PAK EMBASSY IN BERN MIGHT HAVE ASKED SWISS TO SEND COPIES OF THESE TWO AIDE- MEMOIRES TO GOI. IF THAT HAD HAPPENED, IT HAD BEEN MISTAKE BY PAK EMBASSY. ZAKI IMPLIED THAT MFA WAS STILL TRYING TO GET TO BOTTOM OF THIS PARTICULAR GAFFE. HE REITERATED THAT GOP DOES NOT INTEND USE PAK EMBASSY BERN AS CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATING WITH GOI. MFA NOW CONSIDERING MESSAGE TO DELHI REGARDING LATTER' S RECENT COMMUNICATION ON THE TWO FAMOUS AIDE- MEMOIRES, IN ATTEMPT TO SET MATTER STRAIGHT. THIS MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT BY NORMAL CHANNEL VIA SWISS IN ISLAMABAD.

2. COMMENT: INDIANS THEMSELVES PRECIPITATED FURTHER GOP INVESTIGATION BY SENDING " RESPONSE" TO MESSAGES WHICH, ACCORDING TO GOP, WERE NEVER INTENDED FOR GOI. WE HOPE THIS WILL LEAD TO END OF APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH INDIA AND PAKISTAN SURELY DO NOT NEED AT THIS SENSITIVE STAGE OF THEIR RELATIONS.
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